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PACKAGE CONTAINING A WINDOW AND A PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTIC INDICATOR

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to a package for containing and dispensing absorbent articles. Proper selection and use of such articles is communicated by means of using a distinctive coding system associated with the articles and their packaging, and a window that

15   displays the thickness of the article. In preferred embodiments, the invention relates to absorbent articles for absorbing bodily fluids, especially menses.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Surprisingly, some of the problems associated with the proper selection and use of such articles is traceable to modern developments in the technologies used to improve consumer

20   satisfaction. Improvements made in modern absorbent articles in an effort to increase in-use comfort and consumer satisfaction have resulted in the proliferation of sizes, shapes, conformations and brands in the field of disposable absorbent articles such as feminine care articles. Because of the proliferation of sizes, shapes, conformations and brands in the field of disposable absorbent articles, customers have difficulty differentiating between the many types

25   of articles and the variations of article characterizations within these article types.

Differentiation and selection of consumer articles on store shelves is difficult due to the many types of articles and variations of article characterizations within these article types. Differentiation and selection of articles is also particularly difficult when the artwork, color, and/or shape of the package changes. In addition, differentiation and selection of catamenial

30   articles on store shelves are particularly difficult due to the many choices of article absorbencies such as: light absorbency, regular absorbency, and extra absorbency and article configurations, for example, daytime articles, nighttime articles, winged versions and the like.